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C. CAIRO 8602 (10/27/74); D. CAIRO 2374

1. DCM REVIEWED REFTEL A MARCH 12 WITH DR. HASSAN ISMAIL, EGYPTIAN CO-CHAIRMAN JOINT WORKING GROUP (NON EDUCATION AND CULTURE).
2. ISMAIL WAS IMPRESSED WITH CARE AND THOUGHT WHICH OBVIOUSLY WENT INTO PLANNING FOR PLACEMENT OF THREE EGYPTIAN PROFESSORS. HE ALSO APPRECIATED SUGGESTION OF NOMINEES WHOM HE SAID HE WOULD CONTACT FIRST.
3. ONE QUESTION HE RAISED CONCERNED SPECIFIC TIME PERIODS FOR WHICH PROFESSORS WOULD BE INVOLVED IN US. THEY NEED TO HAVE THIS INFORMATION IN ORDER TO ARRANGE THEIR TEACHING SCHEDULES AND OTHER PLANS. DCM NOTED INFORMATION PROVIDED REFTEL A, BUT ADMITTED THAT IT WAS NOT ENTIRELY PRECISE AND SAID HE WOULD SEEK TO OBTAIN MORE.
4. IN TELECON MARCH 13, ISMAIL WAS ALREADY ABLE TO PROPOSE NOMINEE FOR LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE FIELD. HE REPORTED THAT HE AND MINISTER OF CULTURE EL-SEBAI AGREED THAT EL-HAKIM AND HAQQI PROPOSED REFTEL A WERE TOO OLD TO TAKE ON THIS ASSIGNMENT. MINISTER SUGGESTED LADY PROFESSOR DR. SOHEIR EL-KALAMAWI, RECENTLY RETIRED PROFESSOR IN FACULTY OF ARTS AT CAIRO UNIVERSITY WHO WAS PROTEGEE OF LATE TAHA HOSSEIN

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AND IS PROFESSIONAL WRITER IN HER OWN RIGHT. ISMAIL

NOTED THAT DR. KALAMAWI HAD VISITED PRINCETON IN 1952 AND SAID HE WOULD PROVIDE MORE DETAILED BIO DATA. HE ASKED FOR OUR REACTION.

5. DURING MARY 12 MEETING, ISMAIL ALSO INQUIRED ABOUT NAMES AND FIELDS OF THREE AMERICAN PROFESSORS TO BE RECRUITED TO TEACH IN EGYPTIAN UNIVERSITIES AS AGREED IN PARA 3H, JWG SUMMARY OF DECISIONS (REFTEL C). HE WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING ON THIS MATTER.

6. QUESTION OF AIN SHAMS ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING PROGRAM (PARA 3C, REFTEL C) WAS ALSO DISCUSSED IN TERMS SIMILAR THOSE OUTLINED REFTEL D. ISMAIL INDICATED HE WOULD CONSULT WITH AIN SHAMS RECTOR ON THIS MATTER SOON, AGREEING THAT IF PROGRAM IS TO BE SET UP FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1975-76, MOVEMENT WAS NEEDED SOON.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPT PROVIDE:

A. MORE PRECISE INFORMATION CONCERNING TOURS OF TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS FOR THREE EGYPTIAN PROFESSORS;

B. NAMES AND FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION OF THREE AMERICAN PROFESSORS TO TEACH IN EGYPT;

C. REACTION TO NOMINATION DR. EL-KALAMAWI; AND

D. COMMENTS RE REFTEL D.
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